

view of the foregoing amendments and remarks set forth herein. Applicant respectfully requests consideration in this final office action under 37 CFR 1.116(a), as placing the claims in better form for consideration on appeal, should such appeal be necessary.

Claim 16 has been amended to recite "a non-aqueous solvent extract of olive leaves" in accord with the suggestion of the Examiner.

Claims 18, 20 and 23 have been amended to make them consistent with claim 16 as amended herein.

In the Office Action of February 10, 2003, the Examiner took the following actions to which Applicant herein makes response: (1) objected to the specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter, stating that submission of a clean version of amendments to the specification would overcome this rejection; and (2) rejected claims 16-17, 19 and 21-26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Neigut (US 5,378,461) in view of Bates (US 4,704,280) in light of Ganguli et al. (5,998,641) for reasons set forth in the previous Office Action of 7/16/2002. These rejections are traversed in application to the claims as amended, and consideration is requested of the patentability of claims 16, 18-21 and 23-26 now pending in the application.

(1) Objection to the specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter

Applicant has enclosed a clean version of the amendments to the Specification of 11/18/2002 as required by the Examiner. Applicant therefore submits that this objection has been overcome.

(2) Rejection of claims 16-17, 19 and 21-26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Neigut (US 5,378,461) in view of Bates (US 4,704,280) in light of Ganguli et al. (5,998,641)

Applicant has amended claim 16 from which the other pending claims depend to recite "a non-aqueous solvent extract of olive leaves" as suggested by the Examiner in the current Office Action and in the telephone conversation of 04/14/2003. Applicant therefore submits that independent claim 16, and claims 19 and 21, and 23-26, which depend therefrom and are

now pending herein, are patentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Neigut (US 5,378,461) in view of Bates (US 4,704,280) in light of Ganguli et al. (5,998,641).

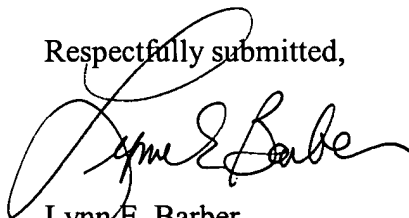
Conclusion

For all the foregoing reasons, claims 16, 18-21, and 23-26 pending herein are submitted to be fully patentably distinguished over the cited references and in allowable condition. Favorable consideration is therefore requested.

No new claims have been added to the previously pending claims. It is therefore believed that no fee is required for the presentation of this amendment. Any amounts that may be due for presentation of this amendment should be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0825 of Applicant's attorney.

If any questions or issues remain, the resolution of which the Examiner feels would be advanced by a personal or telephonic conference with Applicant's attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact such attorney at the telephone number noted below.

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Enclosures:

- a) Clean copy of specification (1 sheet) as amended in previous amendment (November 18, 2002),
- b) Marked-up copy of claims as amended herein (1 sheet)